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EPIDEMIC NOTES.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, December 29, 1899.]

PLAGUE.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—The number of deaths officially reported during the week ended December 25, for all India, was 2,080; preceding week, 2,968. In the city of Bombay the number of deaths rose from 100 in the preceding week to 136, while for the presidency of Bombay the number fell from 2,055 to 1,714. In the South Mahratta States the situation is improved. The presidency of Madras and the city of Mysore show no considerable change in the status of the epidemic. In Calcutta, during the official week, 48 plague deaths occurred; preceding week, 44. In the Saran district, Bengal province, only isolated cases were reported.

CHOLERA.

Calcutta.—During the week ended November 25, there were 20 cholera deaths.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, December 16, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith report of transactions at Hongkong for the week ended December 2, 1899, and to state that during this period there were 115 deaths from all causes. Among this number, 13 from trismus; malarial fever, 6; beriberi, 7; tuberculosis, 18. There were no cases of plague reported.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for week ended December 2, 1899.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of cabin passengers.	Number of steerage passengers.	Number rejected.
Nov. 27	Br. ss. Yuen Sang	Manila, P. I.	70	9	6
Nov. 30	Br. ss. Emeralda (a)	do	69	25	150	8
Do	Br. ss. Gaelic	San Francisco, Cal.	122	20	235	9
Dec. 2	Br. st. Queen Adelaide	Tacoma, Wash.	50	0	12
Do	Sp. ss. Legozpi	Manila, P. I.	45	2	2
Do	Br. ss. Nauchang	do	62	7	9

a Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their baggage and clothing disinfected with steam.

HONGKONG, December 16, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit weekly report of vessels inspected for the period ended December 9, 1899. During this time there were 111 deaths from all causes, and among the number the following were reported: Plague, 1; malarial fever, 11; beriberi, 9; trismus, 7; tubercle of lungs, 24. Three cases of enteric fever with 1 death also occurred during this week.

Respectfully,

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Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for week ended December 9, 1899.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of cabin passengers.	Number of steerage passengers.	Number rejected.
Dec. 4	Br. ss. Lady Joicey.....	San Diego, Cal.....	33	0	0	0
Dec. 5	Nor. ss. Bygdø.....	Cebu, P. I.....	25	3	0	0
Do.....	Br. ss. Lung Kiang.....	Manila, P. I.....	62	12	9	0
Dec. 6	Br. ss. Diamante.....	do.....	82	25	13	0
Dec. 9	U. S. ss. Venus.....	do.....	52	5	30	0
Do.....	Jap. ss. Hongkong Maru (a)	San Francisco, Cal..	178	12	62	1

a Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their baggage disinfected with steam.

CUBA.

*Reports from Cienfuegos, Santa Cruz del Sur, and Casilda.*CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *January 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended January 13, 26 deaths have occurred in this city; malaria, 5; intestinal diseases, 4; tuberculosis, 1. Eleven of these deaths were in the civil hospital. No contagious diseases reported. Death rate for the week, per thousand, is 33.88. Eight foreign vessels entered this port during the week, and 8 were issued bills of health. The United States army transport *Burnside*, which arrived in this port January 8, was held in quarantine while here on account of having no bills of health from Havana.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths, no contagious diseases, and no foreign vessels inspected during the week at that port.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports, for the week ended January 6, 3 deaths in the city of Trinidad, 1 from malaria. No foreign vessels inspected during the week. For the week ended January 13, 7 deaths, 3 from intestinal diseases and 1 from tuberculosis were reported in the city of Trinidad. Three light cases of smallpox, all isolated, and every precaution taken to prevent any spread of the disease. Steamship *Hansa*, from New York, was inspected and passed; no passengers for this port.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Report from Havana.*HAVANA, CUBA, *January 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following sanitary report for the week ended January 13, 1900:

Four cases and 3 deaths from yellow fever were reported during this period, which is a marked decrease from the previous week. There were 8 cases of this disease under treatment on January 13, which also shows a marked decrease; the number of cases recorded as being under treatment on January 6 having been 29.

There were 101 deaths from all causes during the week, which is equivalent to a mortality of 23.87 per thousand.

The weather for the period covered by this report was cool and pleasant, with frequent showers. No heavy northerners have as yet occurred.